REMARKS

Claims 1-11 have been examined and stand rejected.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 19, 2003, acknowledging the claim for foreign priority and accepting the formal drawings.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by this Amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants submit this rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 10 and 11 by this Amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §

Claims 1-5 and 8-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Goodman (US 2003/0009672). Applicants traverse this rejection as follows.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "an input module that inputs a print job of printing a plurality of pages, the print job including a plurality of page data and page attribute information for each page, each page data representing one of the plurality of pages, the page attribute information being disposed at each page of the print job."

In the rejection, the Examiner contends Goodman discloses an input module that inputs a print job with pieces of attribute information dispersed in plural locations. (*citing* paragraphs [0077] and [0092]). However, despite the Examiner's contention, Applicants submit Goodman fails to disclose a print job including a plurality of page data and page attribute information, the

page attribute information being disposed at each page of the print job. In particular, Goodman

discloses embedding an encrypted header within a document file. (par. [0043]). The encrypted

header is used to store print and watermark attributes. (*Id.*) Further, these print attributes are sent

to the recipient as HTTP header values, or as metadata within a document. (par. [134]).

However, no portion of Goodman discloses that these print attributes are disposed at each page

of the print job. Moreover, this is not an inherent feature because Goodman clearly discloses that

this information may be embedded in a single encrypted header. (par. [0043]). Consequently,

Goodman fails to disclose all the features recited in claim 1.

Thus, Applicants submit claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over Goodman for at least

this reason. Additionally, Applicants submit claims 3 and 4 are patentably distinguishable at

least by virtue of their dependency.

Further, because claims 8 and 10 recite features similar to the feature discussed above

with regard to claim 1, Applicants submit these claims are allowable for the same reasons set

forth above with regard to claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 6 and 7 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Goodman (US 2003/0009672)

in view of Wardell (2002/0137696).

Applicants submit this rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 6 and 7 by
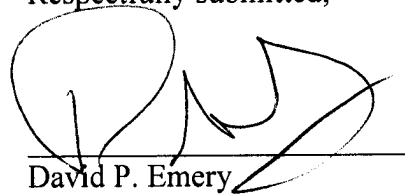
this Amendment.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed

to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is

kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

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